

An earthquake measuring 7.3 on the Richter scale struck Haiti on Tuesday, January 12, 2010. It hit the capital Port-au-Prince and other areas of the country. The earthquake was also felt in other countries in the region. The most affected area is Haiti's West Province with a population of 2.2 million.

Any citizens wondering about their family in Haiti can call 1-888-407-4747, a phone line set up by the State Department in conjunction with American Citizen Services.

To register yourself as safe or look for friends and relatives please visit http://www.familylinks.icrc.org/WFL_HTI.NSF/DocIndex/locate_eng?opendocument

For Radio updates regarding the situation in Haiti, go to: http://www.radiomelodyfmlive.com/news.php

For a list of Boston area Haitian Community Resources maintained by the Center for Community Health, Education & Research, go to: http://www.ccher.org/subwbpg.htm

Volunteers in Haiti are currently assisting the injured and supporting hospitals whose do not have enough capacity to deal with this emergency.

The most urgent needs at this time are search and rescue, field hospitals, emergency health, water purification, emergency shelter, logistics and telecommunications.

For those interested in contributing to help victims of the earthquake, below is a list of contact information and links for some agencies that plan to provide relief.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Text "HAITI" to "90999" to make a \$10 donation. 2025 E Street, NW Washington, DC 20006 (800) REDCROSS (733-2767)

AMERICARES

88 Hamilton Avenue Stamford, Conn. 06902 (800) 486-4357

MERCY CORPS

Dept. W P.O. Box 2669 Portland, Ore., 97208-2669 (888) 256-1900

OXFAM AMERICA

226 Causeway St., 5th Floor Boston, MA 02114-2206 (800) 77-OXFAM (776-9326)

THE SALVATION ARMY

615 Slaters Lane P.O. Box 269 Alexandria, VA 22313

SAVE THE CHILDREN

Haiti Earthquake Children in Emergency Fund 54 Wilton Road Westport, Conn. 06880 (800) 728-3843

WORLD VISION

Haiti Earthquake Relief P.O. Box 9716 Federal Way, Wash. 98063-9716 (888) 511-6548

CARE

151 Ellis Street Atlanta, Ga. 30303 (800) 521-CARE (521-2273)

DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS USA/MEDECINS SANS FRONTIERES (MSF)

333 7th Avenue, 2nd Floor New York, NY 10001-5004 (888) 392-0392

INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHARITIES

P.O. Box 630225 Baltimore, Md. 21263-0225 (877) 803-4622

U.S. FUND FOR UNICEF

125 Maiden Lane New York, N.Y. 10038 (800) FOR-KIDS (367-5437)

PARTNERS IN HEALTH

P.O. Box 845578 Boston, MA 02284-5578 (617) 432-5256

For further assistance, contact HMS 1-800-343.2186 www.hmsincorp.com